UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/20/67

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY -
(Attempt to involve Walter Jenkins)

Marvin Watson called me at 3 p.m. today. He is at home attempting to get some rest while the President is on the Island of Guam.

Watson told me that two sources, one being Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association, have advised him that District Attorney James Garrison in New Orleans is now attempting to connect Clay Shaw with Walter Jenkins. Watson stated that one of Valenti's sources is the wife of Judson James, a cousin of Valenti. The wife works for the New Orleans "State's Item."

Watson stated that, insofar as he and the President were concerned, there was no truth to this matter, but he wanted to know if we had any information along this line. I told Watson we had received no such information.

Watson then asked what we thought about investigating the allegation. I told him I thought it would be unnecessarily giving rise to considerable rumors and I felt that investigation of this nature would be most undesirable. I told him of District Attorney Garrison's statements concerning putting handcuffs on FBI agents, and of Garrison's rather childish attempts to bar the FBI from learning any of his so-called information. I also told Watson that no action should be taken which would allow Garrison to indicate that the FBI or the Federal Government had interfered with his investigation. I stated this is exactly what Garrison is looking for in an attempt to explain his own failure.

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Watson agreed with these statements and indicated that no action should be taken unless the President indicates to the contrary when he discusses the matter with him.

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